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09:23:47 1 would be a very hands-on corporate strategy group.

09:23:55 2 Q. And could you elaborate what you mean by People  
09:23:57 3 Operations.

09:24:02 4 A. The People Operations group is a name that I  
09:24:06 5 chose because it -- primarily because the group was  
09:24:13 6 inclusive of human resources but broader than that.  
09:24:17 7 The focus was what you might call administrative G&A  
09:24:21 8 pieces so, for example, the chefs all used to work for  
09:24:24 9 me. We had quite a few of them. But it was inclusive  
09:24:28 10 of all of the traditional aspects of human resources,  
09:24:32 11 some parts that you might include in facilities, some  
09:24:36 12 parts you might include in finance.

09:24:39 13 Q. And you mentioned GMA. What does that stand  
09:24:44 14 for?

09:24:44 15 A. G&A, sorry. Functionally G&A, I guess it's  
09:24:49 16 general and administrative.

09:24:52 17 Q. Oh.

09:24:53 18 MR. RUBIN: G&A.

09:24:56 19 THE WITNESS: Yeah. Sorry. Ampersand.

09:25:00 20 MR. HARVEY: Q. Okay. In your role as vice  
09:25:01 21 president of business operations, you oversaw Google's  
09:25:06 22 recruiting, correct?

09:25:10 23 A. Yes. Recruiting was a -- was part of my  
09:25:13 24 group's mandate, and I would have had somebody -- I  
09:25:19 25 would have had somebody running recruiting, though I do

09:25:23 1 not recall at that time who it was to be honest.

09:25:25 2 Q. Is that the role Mr. Geshuri eventually  
09:25:28 3 occupied?

09:25:28 4 A. At one point in time, Mr. Geshuri was running a  
09:25:32 5 good chunk of recruiting.

09:25:42 6 Q. Was compensation part of your purview?

09:25:44 7 A. Yes. Compensation was also part of that People  
09:25:47 8 Operations group's purview.

09:25:50 9 Q. And so you had responsibility to design and  
09:25:56 10 supervise a -- pardon me, supervise compensation at  
09:26:00 11 Google company wide, correct?

09:26:03 12 A. I would say that that's a fair description,  
09:26:04 13 that the purview included design and monitoring and  
09:26:09 14 oversight for compensation programs across the company.  
09:26:12 15 Yes.

09:26:16 16 Q. And these responsibilities -- and these  
09:26:23 17 responsibilities, as you've described them, did you keep  
09:26:30 18 that -- those responsibilities until you moved to head  
09:26:37 19 Google.org?

09:26:41 20 A. No. I did not keep the responsibilities for  
09:26:44 21 that entire period of time. At a point, I actually  
09:26:50 22 transitioned all of the People Operations group under  
09:26:55 23 the responsibility of Laszlo Bock who did report to me.  
09:27:00 24 And then at a point in time, I moved Laszlo from  
09:27:04 25 reporting to me up to reporting to Eric so that I was no

09:27:07 1 longer operationally responsible for that group. That  
09:27:14 2 happened prior to me moving to my responsibilities with  
09:27:17 3 Google.org so I continued on in my responsibilities with  
09:27:22 4 business operations while not having any direct  
09:27:24 5 oversight over People Operations.

09:27:27 6 Q. What I'm trying to pinpoint is when those moves  
09:27:31 7 happened. So starting in I believe you said August of  
09:27:35 8 2003, you had this wider set of responsibilities  
09:27:37 9 reporting directly to Eric Schmidt.

09:27:41 10 When did you move what you described as People  
09:27:46 11 Operations to Laszlo Bock?

09:27:48 12 A. I don't actually recall specifically when  
09:27:53 13 Laszlo moved from reporting to me to reporting to Eric.

09:27:58 14 Q. But when did Laszlo Bock enter the picture so  
09:28:01 15 that he took over some of those responsibilities but  
09:28:03 16 reported to you?

09:28:06 17 A. I don't recall when we hired Laszlo, but I  
09:28:09 18 hired Laszlo to come in and work for me. And I gave him  
09:28:13 19 a set of responsibilities in People Operations. I don't  
09:28:17 20 recall if I gave him all of the pieces when he first  
09:28:21 21 joined or not, actually.

09:28:24 22 Ultimately, I gave him all of the pieces of  
09:28:26 23 People Operations, rolling up to him, reporting to me  
09:28:31 24 and then at some point in time, I transitioned him to  
09:28:34 25 report directly to Eric Schmidt.

09:43:19 1 Rosenberg was also part of the executive management  
09:43:22 2 group, correct?

09:43:24 3 A. For the period of time in which I was a member  
09:43:28 4 of the management group, I'll use that term to represent  
09:43:33 5 Eric's staff meetings, whether it was called one acronym  
09:43:37 6 or another.

09:43:38 7 Q. Sure.

09:43:39 8 A. Jonathan Rosenberg was also a member of the  
09:43:42 9 same group.

09:43:43 10 Q. Okay. Was Laszlo Bock ever a member of the  
09:43:48 11 executive management group?

09:43:57 12 A. I don't recall whether there was a period of  
09:43:59 13 time at which he joined the staff meeting on a regular  
09:44:05 14 basis, so I actually just don't remember. He was not a  
09:44:09 15 member of the earlier group. It's my recollection that  
09:44:16 16 he did join a set of meetings later on once his -- once  
09:44:23 17 his responsibilities changed in the sense that he  
09:44:26 18 reported to Eric rather than reporting to me.

09:44:29 19 I don't recall whether we formally had him as a  
09:44:32 20 member of the OC or whatever acronym we were using at  
09:44:39 21 the time or whether he was coming on an as-needed basis  
09:44:42 22 to those meetings. I'm not remembering.

09:44:45 23 Q. Did other members of Google's board of  
09:44:48 24 directors ever attend meetings of the executive  
09:44:50 25 management group?

09:44:52 1 A. There were no members from the board that  
09:44:55 2 regularly -- there were no board members that regularly  
09:44:58 3 attended our management meetings, no.

09:45:02 4 Q. Were there any board members aside from  
09:45:08 5 Schmidt, Page and Brin, who ever attended a meeting of  
09:45:12 6 the executive management group?

09:45:14 7 A. There were no board members that regularly  
09:45:16 8 attended. The other attendee that did attend was Bill  
09:45:24 9 Campbell. But it's my understanding that he was not  
09:45:25 10 technically a board member.

09:45:29 11 Q. How often did Bill Campbell attend the meetings  
09:45:32 12 of the executive management group?

09:45:35 13 A. Bill Campbell was a fairly regular attendee at  
09:45:40 14 the Eric staff meeting.

09:45:46 15 Q. Do you have an understanding of whether Bill  
09:45:48 16 Campbell received emails directly from the EMG  
09:45:51 17 distribution list?

09:45:54 18 A. I don't know whether he did or not.

09:45:55 19 Q. Okay. What was your understanding of Bill  
09:46:25 20 Campbell's role at Google?

09:46:28 21 A. Bill Campbell's role at Google was to be an  
09:46:32 22 advisor, senior advisor to the executive team.

09:46:38 23 Q. And is that why he attended and participated in  
09:46:41 24 meetings of executive management group?

09:46:46 25 A. Yes. The context was that he was advising the

09:46:50 1 senior team, and as such, he would participate on a  
09:46:53 2 relatively regular basis in our senior team staff  
09:46:58 3 meetings.

09:47:00 4 Q. Do you have any knowledge of whether Google  
09:47:04 5 ever discussed potential conflicts of interest with  
09:47:08 6 Mr. Campbell connected with his work for Google?

09:47:12 7 A. I'm sorry, could you clarify.

09:47:14 8 Q. Well, it's an unusual situation from our  
09:47:18 9 perspective in that Bill Campbell was the chairman of  
09:47:22 10 Intuit at the time, correct?

09:47:23 11 MR. RUBIN: Well, I'm going to object to the --  
09:47:24 12 if she says correct, then she's agreeing with the first  
09:47:27 13 part about the unusual situation. So if you want to  
09:47:29 14 clarify the question and just ask her --

09:47:32 15 MR. HARVEY: I'll stipulate --

09:47:32 16 MR. RUBIN: -- the factual piece.

09:47:33 17 MR. HARVEY: I'll just ask the question.

09:47:35 18 Q. You understood, at the time, that Bill Campbell  
09:47:37 19 was the chairman of Intuit, correct?

09:47:40 20 A. It's my understanding that Bill Campbell was  
09:47:42 21 the chairman of Intuit. I'm not -- I actually don't  
09:47:45 22 know exactly when he was or wasn't the chair relative to  
09:47:49 23 when he was our advisor at Google. But it's definitely  
09:47:54 24 my understanding that there was a significant overlap.

09:47:58 25 Q. Did you have an understanding that Bill



09:47:59 1 Campbell was also a director on the board of Apple?

09:48:03 2 A. It was my understanding that Bill was on the  
09:48:05 3 board of Apple. Again, I don't know actually when he  
09:48:09 4 joined that board relative to when he started advising  
09:48:13 5 at Google. But I definitely had the understanding that  
09:48:15 6 during that period, he was on the board of Apple at some  
09:48:19 7 point in time, yes.

09:48:21 8 Q. Do you have any knowledge of any concern at  
09:48:26 9 Google that there might be conflicts of interest in  
09:48:29 10 connection with Bill Campbell's work for Google?

09:48:32 11 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Vague. Ambiguous. Any  
09:48:35 12 knowledge at Google. Any concern at Google. Excuse me.

09:48:41 13 THE WITNESS: Can you be clearer about -- I'm  
09:48:43 14 unclear about the potential conflict of interest you're  
09:48:46 15 trying to identify. Could you be more specific.

09:48:50 16 MR. HARVEY: Q. Sure.

09:48:50 17 Do you have any knowledge of any communications  
09:48:52 18 with Mr. Campbell about any potential or actual  
09:48:55 19 conflicts of interest?

09:48:56 20 MR. RUBIN: Between somebody at Google and  
09:48:58 21 Mr. Campbell?

09:49:00 22 MR. HARVEY: The question as posed.

09:49:02 23 MR. RUBIN: Okay. Well, objection. Ambiguous.

09:49:07 24 THE WITNESS: I have no knowledge personally of  
09:49:11 25 Bill ever having a conversation with me in which he was

09:49:14 1 sharing information with me that I viewed as a conflict  
09:49:16 2 of interest.

09:49:18 3 MR. HARVEY: Q. Well, let me clarify.  
09:49:19 4 Because I'm not asking about you to form a view on  
09:49:23 5 whether there were or were not conflicts of  
09:49:24 6 interest.

09:49:25 7 What I'm asking about is whether you have any  
09:49:27 8 knowledge that the topic ever came up, either with Bill  
09:49:30 9 Campbell present or when he wasn't present, and say you  
09:49:35 10 and Eric Schmidt or anybody else at Google brought up  
09:49:38 11 the issue.

09:49:39 12 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Vague.

09:49:44 13 THE WITNESS: I don't recall any conversations  
09:49:46 14 on the topic of conflict of interest and Bill Campbell,  
09:49:54 15 if that's what you're asking.

09:49:55 16 MR. HARVEY: Q. Did Google take any steps  
09:49:57 17 to identify potential conflicts of interest that  
09:49:59 18 Bill Campbell might have?

09:50:00 19 A. I'm not aware of any specific steps that we  
09:50:02 20 took to identify conflicts of interest. No.

09:50:06 21 Q. So Google didn't try to create any ethical  
09:50:10 22 walls to screen Bill Campbell off from topics that might  
09:50:14 23 implicate any conflicts of interest, correct?

09:50:16 24 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Mischaracterizes prior  
09:50:18 25 testimony. Vague.

09:50:24 1 THE WITNESS: I said I wasn't familiar with any  
09:50:26 2 conversations in which the topic of conflict of interest  
09:50:29 3 and Bill Campbell were discussed.

09:50:34 4 MR. HARVEY: Q. But I'm asking a slightly  
09:50:35 5 different question now, which is, do you have any  
09:50:38 6 knowledge of Google taking any steps to create any  
09:50:42 7 ethical walls concerning Bill Campbell that would screen  
09:50:47 8 him off from certain topics where there might be a  
09:50:52 9 conflict of interest?

09:50:55 10 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Vague. Lacks  
09:51:00 11 foundation and vague. Ambiguous.

09:51:02 12 THE WITNESS: I'm unclear what you mean by an  
09:51:04 13 ethical wall, so I'm having difficulty answering your  
09:51:07 14 question.

09:51:12 15 MR. HARVEY: Q. Sure. So why don't I use a  
09:51:13 16 concrete example.

09:51:16 17 You discussed Google's recruiting efforts with  
09:51:18 18 Bill Campbell, correct?

09:51:19 19 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Vague.

09:51:26 20 THE WITNESS: I think the question is too  
09:51:28 21 broad. I don't have -- I mean, I don't -- I don't know  
09:51:30 22 what you mean by discussing our recruiting efforts.  
09:51:32 23 Could you be more specific.

09:51:37 24 MR. HARVEY: Q. Google recruited people,  
09:51:38 25 correct?

09:51:39 1 A. Google had a recruiting team, of course, that  
09:51:45 2 we built in order to hire people into the company. Yes.

09:51:50 3 Q. And those people on your team who Google hired  
09:51:54 4 did, in fact, recruit, correct?

09:51:58 5 A. Sorry, I -- did we have a team of -- a staffing  
09:52:02 6 organization was the term that we used.

09:52:04 7 Q. Okay.

09:52:05 8 A. In the staffing organization, we had members of  
09:52:10 9 that team, there were a set of different roles. Those  
09:52:14 10 roles were designed to try to hire people into Google.  
09:52:17 11 Yes.

09:52:19 12 Q. And were there any instances in which a member  
09:52:21 13 of that staffing team contacted an employee of Intuit to  
09:52:25 14 recruit them?

09:52:28 15 A. I can't recall any specific instances, but it's  
09:52:33 16 entirely possible.

09:52:35 17 Q. Okay. We'll get to that later. But just for  
09:52:44 18 now, in that situation --

09:52:47 19 MR. RUBIN: Are you getting to it now, or are  
09:52:49 20 you switching subjects?

09:52:50 21 MR. HARVEY: Please.

09:53:06 22 Q. Okay. Would you have felt comfortable  
09:53:09 23 discussing Google's recruiting of Intuit employees with  
09:53:14 24 Bill Campbell?

09:53:14 25 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Vague as to

09:53:16 1 comfortable.

09:53:23 2 THE WITNESS: I feel like you're asking me a  
09:53:24 3 hypothetical question.

09:53:27 4 I don't recall ever having discussed our  
09:53:30 5 staffing team or recruiting efforts with Bill Campbell.

09:53:36 6 MR. HARVEY: Q. Do you recall any  
09:53:39 7 instances in which the topic of Google's recruiting  
09:53:46 8 came up at executive management group meetings?

09:53:56 9 A. At our executive staff meetings over the years,  
09:54:00 10 certainly the topic of hiring and how we were doing on  
09:54:10 11 our hiring would certainly have come up.

09:54:17 12 Q. And Bill Campbell participated in those  
09:54:19 13 meetings, correct?

09:54:22 14 A. Bill Campbell, as I stated earlier,  
09:54:25 15 participated on a relatively regular basis in those  
09:54:29 16 meetings. I don't recall which meetings he was in or  
09:54:32 17 not and which topics came up when he was there or not.  
09:54:36 18 He wasn't in all the meetings.

09:54:38 19 Q. Do you recall whether Bill Campbell attended  
09:54:40 20 any meetings of executive management group in which the  
09:54:44 21 topic of Google's recruiting was discussed?

09:54:48 22 A. I don't recall.

09:54:52 23 Q. Do you recall whether at any meeting of the  
09:54:56 24 EMG, whether Bill Campbell ever recused himself from any  
09:55:01 25 topic?

09:55:14 1 A. I don't recall Bill ever needing to recuse  
09:55:18 2 himself from any staff meeting that I was participating  
09:55:25 3 in. And no, I can't recall such an incident.

09:55:28 4 Q. Do you recall any incident in which a member of  
09:55:31 5 the EMG asked Mr. Campbell to leave so that the EMG  
09:55:41 6 could have a discussion without him present?

09:55:47 7 A. I don't recall a meeting of -- a staff meeting  
09:55:49 8 where such an incident occurred in which Bill was asked  
09:55:52 9 to leave. No, I don't recall.

09:55:54 10 Q. Did Bill Campbell also participate in meetings  
09:55:56 11 of the OC?

09:56:00 12 A. Bill participated regularly in this staff  
09:56:03 13 meeting which, at some point in time, I believe, was  
09:56:07 14 called OC rather than EMG. So just like with EMG, he  
09:56:10 15 would certainly have participated in meetings of the OC  
09:56:15 16 on a regular basis, not a hundred percent of the time.

09:56:22 17 Q. Do you have any knowledge of whether Bill  
09:56:24 18 Campbell attended any meetings of Google's board?

09:56:29 19 A. Bill Campbell did regularly attend board  
09:56:31 20 meetings of Google's board. Yes.

09:56:37 21 Q. Did you regularly attend meetings of Google's  
09:56:39 22 board?

09:56:41 23 A. I regularly attended Google's board meetings,  
09:56:50 24 not a hundred percent of the time, but I regularly  
09:56:52 25 attended. Yes.

09:57:05 1 Q. Do you know whether Google had any formal  
09:57:08 2 contractual relationship with Mr. Campbell?

09:57:14 3 A. Bill Campbell played this advisor role. By  
09:57:20 4 contractual relationship, at some point in this period,  
09:57:22 5 he -- we, for administrative purposes, made him an  
09:57:25 6 employee, so I would consider that a contract. I don't  
09:57:29 7 recall exactly when that period was.

09:57:32 8 His role prior to and after becoming an  
09:57:34 9 employee was the same. We just decided to formalize it  
09:57:39 10 in an employee relationship for administrative purposes.

09:57:43 11 Q. And what were those administrative purposes?

09:57:46 12 A. I actually don't recall the details other than  
09:57:50 13 that it was administrative trivia such that it didn't  
09:57:54 14 reach my level of discussion.

09:57:56 15 Q. Okay. Do you know when -- well, first, do you  
09:58:02 16 know whether Google ever paid Mr. Campbell for the  
09:58:06 17 advice he provided?

09:58:14 18 A. I don't know specifically when -- I actually  
09:58:18 19 don't know specifically -- I don't know. Sorry.

09:58:42 20 Q. And are you still employed at Google?

09:58:45 21 A. I am still an employee of Google.

09:58:47 22 Q. But you've announced that you're leaving,  
09:58:49 23 correct?

09:58:50 24 A. I announced my retirement -- retirement from  
09:58:55 25 Google just before Christmas. I have taken on a new

10:03:18 1 MR. HARVEY: What kind of break do you want to  
10:03:19 2 take?

10:03:20 3 MR. RUBIN: Ten minutes.

10:03:20 4 MR. HARVEY: That's fine.

10:03:21 5 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 10:03 a.m.

10:03:23 6 We're going off the record. Sorry. This is end of  
10:03:29 7 video No. 1.

10:03:30 8 Off the record.

10:03:33 9 (Recess taken.)

10:07:30 10 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This is the beginning of  
10:18:48 11 video No. 2 in the deposition of Shona Brown. The time  
10:18:50 12 is 10:18 a.m.

10:18:52 13 We're back on the record.

10:18:56 14 MR. HARVEY: Q. I believe you mentioned  
10:18:57 15 earlier that Google recruited people, correct?

10:19:03 16 A. Yes. Google recruited people.

10:19:06 17 Q. And during your time at Google, Google grew at  
10:19:10 18 a rapid pace, correct?

10:19:11 19 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Vague.

10:19:17 20 THE WITNESS: Google grew significantly as an  
10:19:19 21 organization from the time that I joined through the  
10:19:21 22 period in question. Yes.

10:19:24 23 MR. HARVEY: Q. And -- well, why don't I  
10:19:28 24 do this with more specificity. Give me one moment.

10:19:56 25 I'm going to show you what has been marked as



10:19:59 1 Plaintiffs' Exhibit 634. If you could take a look at  
10:20:03 2 that and let me know when you're ready.

10:20:07 3 (Whereupon, Exhibit 634 was marked for  
10:20:07 4 identification.)

10:20:44 5 THE WITNESS: Okay. I'm ready.

10:20:47 6 MR. HARVEY: Q. So I'm just going to  
10:20:48 7 represent that this is a summary of data as produced  
10:20:52 8 by Google to plaintiffs in this case.

10:20:55 9 And you began work in 2003 when the total  
10:21:00 10 number of employees in Google's data was approximately  
10:21:04 11 1309, and for the most recent year, we have data, the  
10:21:08 12 total number of employees is 17,890.

10:21:12 13 That represents significant growth, correct?

10:21:16 14 A. Could I ask you a question about the data?

10:21:18 15 Q. Please.

10:21:19 16 A. Is this meant to be global data or U.S. only?

10:21:22 17 Q. U.S. only.

10:21:24 18 A. Okay. That makes sense.

10:21:28 19 When I started, there were, I think, slightly  
10:21:31 20 under a thousand people. It looks consistent with this  
10:21:34 21 data. I have no reason to believe this is wrong.

10:21:37 22 Q. Okay.

10:21:38 23 A. And the adjective used is irrelevant, really.

10:21:43 24 I mean, you can just look at the numbers and we were  
10:21:45 25 around a thousand, and as you point out, most recently

10:21:49 1 in the U.S., looks like a little under 18,000.

10:21:55 2 Q. Sure.

10:21:55 3 And Google experienced growth in the different  
10:21:58 4 categories of employees described in this document,  
10:22:00 5 correct?

10:22:01 6 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Vague.

10:22:06 7 THE WITNESS: We could go through each of the  
10:22:08 8 different functions line by line. And I didn't actually  
10:22:14 9 look to look quickly. But if I take engineering, for  
10:22:18 10 example -- well, it's unclear from this data, actually,  
10:22:25 11 to be honest, how many employees you're growing and in  
10:22:29 12 each of the different, because it's all in percentiles  
10:22:34 13 based. So we would have to debunk that into absolutes  
10:22:38 14 to be clear but....

10:22:38 15 MR. HARVEY: Q. Sure.

10:22:38 16 A. I agree with you in the aggregate the  
10:22:40 17 organization is getting bigger. I can't tell you  
10:22:42 18 exactly from this precisely which function is growing,  
10:22:46 19 quote/unquote, rapidly.

10:22:50 20 Q. Drawing on your own personal experience, you  
10:22:52 21 know --

10:22:53 22 A. Yes.

10:22:53 23 Q. -- regardless --

10:22:53 24 A. Yes.

10:22:53 25 Q. -- of what this says here --

10:22:55 1 A. Yes.

10:22:57 2 Q. -- Google recruited for employees for a variety  
10:23:00 3 of different titles and job responsibilities, correct?

10:23:04 4 A. We had a large -- we were growing a diverse  
10:23:09 5 operating company, I would say unlike if you were, for  
10:23:12 6 example, hiring into a law firm where you are typically  
10:23:16 7 bringing in people in very similar roles and similar  
10:23:19 8 levels, so the number of different roles you're  
10:23:21 9 recruiting for is quite small.

10:23:22 10 In contrast, in an operating company when  
10:23:24 11 you're building it and as you get bigger, that grows.  
10:23:28 12 You have a wide variety of roles that you're hiring for.  
10:23:32 13 Yes.

10:23:34 14 Q. Okay. And why don't we focus on the recruiting  
10:23:37 15 part of that hiring for a moment.

10:23:39 16 A. Sorry, what do you mean by the recruiting part  
10:23:40 17 of hiring? I don't actually know.

10:23:43 18 Q. Is that because, to you, hiring is part of  
10:23:45 19 recruiting?

10:23:47 20 MR. RUBIN: I think she's just asking you for a  
10:23:49 21 clarification.

10:23:50 22 THE WITNESS: Can you just clarify what you  
10:23:51 23 mean by recruiting.

10:23:53 24 MR. RUBIN: She's just asking you to clarify  
10:23:54 25 your question.

10:41:51 1 you have an understanding of whether Google had a  
10:41:53 2 philosophy concerning pay?

10:41:56 3 A. When I started at Google in 2003, we didn't  
10:42:01 4 have a stated philosophy. By that I mean, we didn't  
10:42:08 5 have a set of specific do's and don'ts, or rules or  
10:42:16 6 points of view on specific ways we would develop or  
10:42:22 7 target pay. None of that existed that needed to be  
10:42:28 8 developed.

10:42:29 9 Q. So in 2003, it was essentially a free-for-all  
10:42:32 10 when it came to compensation at Google?

10:42:35 11 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Mischaracterizes prior  
10:42:37 12 testimony.

10:42:38 13 THE WITNESS: I wouldn't characterize our pay  
10:42:40 14 practice as a free-for-all. I would -- I would say that  
10:42:43 15 we -- in 2003, my recollection is that there were a set  
10:42:51 16 of biases that were not expressed very well in clear  
10:42:55 17 guidelines that you could take to build out a set of  
10:43:01 18 rules. There were certainly sets of biases on  
10:43:06 19 approaches to compensation.

10:43:10 20 MR. HARVEY: Q. What were those biases?

10:43:12 21 A. So, for example, like many small, private  
10:43:17 22 companies, you have an understanding that the most  
10:43:21 23 valuable thing that you can offer to someone you're  
10:43:24 24 trying to hire is an opportunity to participate in a  
10:43:28 25 company that might go public. So you have a point of

10:43:32 1 view that you have some stock options. At that time  
10:43:36 2 options were universally used.

10:43:40 3 And so I would say a bias was, when you're  
10:43:42 4 thinking about making an offer, you understood that  
10:43:46 5 probably the most attractive thing you could offer was  
10:43:51 6 some stock options from a compensation perspective. So  
10:43:56 7 I would -- to me, that doesn't translate into a very  
10:44:00 8 concrete philosophy, the way you were using the term,  
10:44:02 9 but it's a clear bias in the system.

10:44:05 10 Q. Okay. Did -- when you started, did Google try  
10:44:11 11 to pay its employees fairly?

10:44:19 12 A. From my perspective, and in all of the elements  
10:44:22 13 where I led development of our pay practices, I was  
10:44:27 14 always focused on trying to pay people fairly. Of  
10:44:29 15 course.

10:44:33 16 Your fair and my fair might be different.  
10:44:34 17 That's the nature of compensation. But of course, we  
10:44:36 18 were trying to pay people fairly for, you know, for  
10:44:40 19 their value.

10:44:43 20 Q. So you said that our notions of fairness may  
10:44:48 21 differ. What did you understand fairness to mean in  
10:44:51 22 that context?

10:44:52 23 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Vague. Ambiguous.

10:44:54 24 THE WITNESS: I think it's a high-level  
10:44:55 25 question, but the way I would respond to your question

10:44:58 1 about what's fair in pay, is very simply, which is that  
10:45:03 2 a person's overall pay, which could include many  
10:45:08 3 elements, ought to reflect, overall, the value that  
10:45:11 4 they're bring to the organization. It's a sniff test.

10:45:18 5 MR. HARVEY: Q. Was a component of  
10:45:20 6 fairness, as you saw it, that two -- two equally  
10:45:27 7 valuable employees should be paid roughly the same?

10:45:30 8 A. Unfortunately, in my experience, pay practices  
10:45:33 9 are not that simple.

10:45:35 10 Just to take your very simple example, did  
10:45:39 11 those two individuals join at the same time? Have those  
10:45:43 12 two individuals progressed at the same rate? Are they  
10:45:47 13 giving the same amount of value to me in this past  
10:45:50 14 quarter, this past year, over their entire tenure at  
10:45:53 15 Google? How should I think about all of those? What's  
10:45:55 16 fair? I don't think that's a very black-and-white  
10:45:58 17 question.

10:45:58 18 So pay practices in my experience, you do try  
10:46:00 19 to develop some principles. For example, we believe our  
10:46:04 20 options is a big part of value we can offer employees.  
10:46:08 21 But then, in reality, it's a case-by-case basis. It's  
10:46:13 22 good management and attention to details and looking at  
10:46:15 23 individuals that's going to generate the most fair  
10:46:19 24 system, to use your term.

10:46:21 25 Q. So I want to focus on the first part of your

10:46:24 1 answer where you gave me examples of how two employees  
10:46:27 2 might be situated differently. And let's think about  
10:46:32 3 that for a moment.

10:46:34 4 Suppose there are two employees at Google who  
10:46:37 5 are similarly situated in every way in which you  
10:46:42 6 describe. So for example, they were hired at the same  
10:46:45 7 time, they have the same education, they're the same  
10:46:51 8 age, and they provide the same value to the company.  
10:46:55 9 Should they be paid the same?

10:46:56 10 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Calls for a  
10:46:58 11 hypothetical response. Calls for speculation.

10:47:01 12 THE WITNESS: I'm afraid that it is a  
10:47:05 13 hypothetical case. And I will -- I'll repeat, which is  
10:47:08 14 that on a case-by-case basis, you would look at those  
10:47:12 15 two individuals, and we would need to sit down and look  
10:47:14 16 at those two individuals and decide whether one factor  
10:47:19 17 in determining their pay should be each of the other two  
10:47:22 18 individuals. And that would never be the sole factor,  
10:47:26 19 of course. Because you would also be looking at how  
10:47:30 20 does the market pay these individuals. You might also  
10:47:34 21 be considering how much were they being paid before they  
10:47:37 22 joined. You might also be considering other parts of  
10:47:41 23 the company and how did this role compare to that.

10:47:46 24 So in my experience, again, there are so many  
10:47:48 25 factors that fair is a very difficult thing to define,

10:47:53 1 and you just simply have to use your best judgment as a  
10:47:57 2 manager, and you have to have your best possible list of  
10:48:01 3 guiding principles. And diligently work through, you  
10:48:04 4 know, lists of people to try to do your best to be as,  
10:48:08 5 quote, fair as possible.

10:48:10 6 MR. HARVEY: Q. And I acknowledge that  
10:48:11 7 there are other relevant concerns. But one  
10:48:13 8 component of fairness is that in examples like that,  
10:48:19 9 their compensation should be similar or comparable,  
10:48:21 10 correct?

10:48:23 11 A. I guess I'm not accepting your assertion of a  
10:48:26 12 hypothetical that they necessarily need to be similar.

10:48:29 13 It is the case that when you are looking at an  
10:48:33 14 individual's pay, one of the things you would consider  
10:48:37 15 was the pay of other similar individuals. One of many  
10:48:41 16 factors. Whether that would lead you to align that  
10:48:44 17 person's pay with those other individuals is too  
10:48:47 18 difficult to say in a hypothetical. But you would  
10:48:50 19 certainly look at that factor.

10:48:52 20 Q. Are you familiar with the term internal equity?

10:48:57 21 A. No. It's not really a term that I typically  
10:48:59 22 use.

10:48:59 23 Can you explain what you mean.

10:49:02 24 Q. So your testimony is that you've never heard  
10:49:04 25 the term?



10:49:05 1 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Mischaracterizes her  
10:49:07 2 testimony.

10:49:09 3 THE WITNESS: I said that it's not a term that  
10:49:11 4 I typically use. I don't recall its usage in parlance  
10:49:17 5 so I'm not exactly sure what -- it could mean a variety  
10:49:20 6 of things.

10:49:21 7 MR. HARVEY: Okay.

10:49:32 8 (Discussion off the record.)

10:49:41 9 MR. HARVEY: Q. I'm going to hand you  
10:49:45 10 what's been marked Plaintiffs' Exhibit 564.

10:49:48 11 (Whereupon, Exhibit 564 was marked for  
10:49:48 12 identification.)

10:50:01 13 MR. HARVEY: Q. Just let me know when  
10:50:01 14 you're ready.

10:50:02 15 I'll just say that my questions are going to  
10:50:04 16 be focused on Sheryl Sandberg's email of April 3rd on  
10:50:09 17 the second page and your response.

10:52:31 18 A. Okay. I get the gist of it. Depending on your  
10:52:33 19 question, I may have to read more. It's fairly lengthy.

10:52:38 20 Q. Sure. Sure. I appreciate that.

10:52:38 21 Why don't we start with the bottom of page 1.

10:52:41 22 A. Bottom of page 1. Yes.

10:52:48 23 Q. First, did you, in fact, send this email to  
10:52:52 24 Sheryl Sandberg and others on April 3rd, 2004?

10:52:56 25 A. I have no recollection of this email, but I

10:55:51 1 way to think of it in a commonsense way is, if that  
10:55:54 2 individual was to up and look for that very same job at  
10:55:57 3 a different company, what are the ranges of pay that  
10:56:01 4 might be possible if they were hireable in that.

10:56:04 5 Separately, I think of the internal market as  
10:56:08 6 inside the company, irrespective of how other companies  
10:56:12 7 think about that role, how does our -- how does the  
10:56:14 8 internal market value that role relative to other roles  
10:56:19 9 at Google.

10:56:21 10 Very simply put, if I looked at the pay range  
10:56:23 11 of our service associate, and I looked at the pay range  
10:56:28 12 of our engineering directors, let's say, it probably  
10:56:32 13 wouldn't make sense if the pay range of the service  
10:56:34 14 associate was the same as the pay range of the  
10:56:38 15 engineering director, right?

10:56:40 16 Somewhat of a stupid example, but the point is,  
10:56:42 17 you would think internally about these pay ranges for  
10:56:45 18 these different roles. And at some level,  
10:56:48 19 commonsensically, those pay ranges should make sense for  
10:56:52 20 the value internally of that role.

10:56:56 21 Often those two things overlap a lot, however,  
10:57:00 22 there are instances in which a specific company -- and  
10:57:05 23 I'm not really familiar in other companies that  
10:57:07 24 deeply -- but for example, at Google, where there might  
10:57:09 25 be a role that we actually value disproportionately

10:57:14 1 compared to how the outside market values it. So we  
10:57:18 2 might adjust our pay range for that.

10:57:19 3 So when I say internal market and external  
10:57:22 4 market, broadly speaking, that's what I mean.

10:57:25 5 Q. Great. Thank you for that clarification.

10:57:28 6 In the internal market, I believe you use an  
10:57:31 7 example of two employees where one has a title that  
10:57:37 8 suggests that the range should be higher than the range  
10:57:41 9 for another group of employees.

10:57:44 10 Was it important to maintain a certain  
10:57:47 11 relationship in that way? For example, if there were  
10:57:54 12 different levels to a particular category of employee,  
10:57:56 13 that employees in a lower level, when their pay went up,  
10:58:01 14 then the compensation to employees at a higher level  
10:58:05 15 would sometimes need to be adjusted to reflect that  
10:58:08 16 shift?

10:58:08 17 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Vague. Ambiguous.  
10:58:12 18 Calls for speculation.

10:58:19 19 THE WITNESS: That was a rather complicated  
10:58:20 20 question. If the question is that when you construct a  
10:58:27 21 job ladder, for example, for sales in -- sales  
10:58:34 22 associates. And this is an example of part of a job  
10:58:37 23 ladder in this email from Lourdes to Sheryl, I believe.  
10:58:45 24 For example, if you looked at these different jobs which  
10:58:49 25 are meant to be opportunities for someone to progress up

10:58:53 1 their job ladder, when you constructed the pay scales,  
10:58:56 2 you would be having a pay range that increased with  
10:59:02 3 increased responsibility as you were promoted up that  
10:59:05 4 job ladder.

10:59:07 5 It's -- I don't remember the specifics of any  
10:59:10 6 of the job ladders. I can tell you that it's not all --  
10:59:15 7 it's certainly not always clean in the sense that you  
10:59:18 8 don't have some line, if you're in this job, you're paid  
10:59:22 9 below X. There's overlap. But generally speaking, as  
10:59:25 10 you went up a job ladder, as your responsibilities grew,  
10:59:28 11 as your value grew, your pay range would also increase.  
10:59:33 12 But there would be overlaps. And also to our earlier  
10:59:38 13 conversation, there would be exceptions. Because pay is  
10:59:42 14 individual. Back to my earlier point.

10:59:45 15 MR. HARVEY: Q. It's individual, but it's part  
10:59:47 16 of this company-wide system where you're trying to  
10:59:50 17 maintain fairness in light of what you were discussing,  
10:59:53 18 the external market facts, the internal market facts,  
10:59:56 19 correct?

10:59:56 20 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Mischaracterizes  
10:59:58 21 prior --

10:59:59 22 THE WITNESS: Sorry.

10:59:59 23 MR. RUBIN: -- lengthy description.

11:00:01 24 THE WITNESS: Could you just clarify your  
11:00:02 25 question in there.

11:00:03 1 MR. HARVEY: Q. Well, sure.

11:00:04 2 So I'm -- you stated that pay is individual,  
11:00:07 3 but I want to go back to what we've been talking about  
11:00:12 4 where Google and you, in trying to create this  
11:00:16 5 compensation system, fairness was a principle that you  
11:00:19 6 used in that system, correct?

11:00:22 7 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Vague. Ambiguous.  
11:00:24 8 Mischaracterizes prior testimony.

11:00:27 9 THE WITNESS: I think when we talked about  
11:00:29 10 fairness, we actually agreed or at least I asserted that  
11:00:32 11 it was hard to define, so I'm not going to agree with  
11:00:35 12 your statement.

11:00:35 13 If your question is whether or not when you  
11:00:38 14 design pay structures for companies you think about  
11:00:40 15 bands of pay and you think about different bands of pay  
11:00:44 16 at different levels, then yes, we did that, and we tried  
11:00:47 17 to create bands of pay that reflected the role the  
11:00:50 18 individual was playing and -- and the value that they --  
11:00:54 19 that role implied.

11:00:58 20 MR. HARVEY: Q. Okay. Thanks.

11:01:00 21 Could you explain how those bands of pay, say  
11:01:02 22 for any given job ladder, what was their relationship to  
11:01:07 23 each other? So for example, you know, comparing the  
11:01:11 24 lower rungs, if I can put it that way, on the job ladder  
11:01:14 25 to the higher rungs.

11:01:17 1 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Ambiguous.

11:01:22 2 THE WITNESS: If your question is about the  
11:01:24 3 size of the, you know, percent changes between the rungs  
11:01:30 4 on a ladder or the ratios, I actually -- I'm the wrong  
11:01:33 5 person to ask. I don't remember those level of detail.

11:01:35 6 MR. HARVEY: Q. Who would be the right person  
11:01:36 7 to ask?

11:01:39 8 A. I'd have to speculate to decide at which level  
11:01:46 9 of the organization individuals would remember that. So  
11:01:52 10 I -- I mean....

11:01:54 11 Q. Well --

11:01:56 12 A. Of course I was exposed to it over time, but  
11:01:58 13 this is some time ago and I don't remember the  
11:01:59 14 specifics.

11:02:01 15 Q. Okay. Can you explain how Google evaluated the  
11:02:35 16 performance of its employees.

11:02:47 17 A. I'm not sure that I can actually explain in an  
11:02:52 18 oral statement how we evaluated our employees.

11:02:57 19 Can you break that down for me as well? That's  
11:03:00 20 like your previous, you know, initial question, very  
11:03:05 21 broad.

11:03:06 22 Q. Did Google, throughout your time there, make an  
11:03:09 23 effort to have a systematic way of evaluating its  
11:03:13 24 employees?

11:03:13 25 A. Yes. We attempted to systematically evaluate

11:03:17 1 our employees.

11:03:18 2 Q. Did those methods change during your time at  
11:03:23 3 Google?

11:03:24 4 A. Yes. Over the period of time in question, the  
11:03:28 5 methods changed in terms of how we attempted to evaluate  
11:03:31 6 our employees.

11:03:32 7 Q. Why don't we go through it.

11:03:34 8 So starting in 2003, what was Google's method  
11:03:40 9 for evaluating performance of its employees?

11:03:43 10 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Vague.

11:03:47 11 THE WITNESS: Is it possible for you to ask me  
11:03:49 12 a more specific aspect of evaluation that you're  
11:03:53 13 interested in?

11:03:54 14 MR. HARVEY: Q. Well, as it relates to  
11:03:55 15 making decisions about compensation.

11:04:00 16 MR. RUBIN: Same objection.

11:04:09 17 THE WITNESS: I'm struggling to answer your  
11:04:10 18 question when we had, you know, such a vast array of  
11:04:16 19 relevant elements, it seems to me.

11:04:18 20 Is there some particular part of how we  
11:04:21 21 evaluated people that you're interested in that I could  
11:04:24 22 address?

11:04:25 23 MR. HARVEY: Q. Yeah, why don't we get  
11:04:27 24 more specific.

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[REDACTED]

11:04:36 2

A. Google had a mechanism of rating employees. I

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don't recall exactly when we put it into place, but very

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early on. And we continue to use a version of that

11:04:54 5

system -- let's say up through the period in question.

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I'm less familiar with exactly what we're doing right

11:05:01 7

now.

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Q. Did Google use a pay system -- I'm sorry -- a

11:05:07 9

point system for evaluation from 2003 through 2010?

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A. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

11:05:28 12

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

11:05:35 13

Q. And were there -- well, first, are you familiar

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with the term compensable factor.

11:05:46 15

A. No, I'm not familiar with the term compensable

11:05:49 16

factor.

11:05:50 17

Q. The point system, was it on a one-to-five

11:05:53 18

scale?

11:05:54 19

A. [REDACTED]

11:05:58 20

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

11:06:04 21

[REDACTED] But that's my recollection in the period in

11:06:07 22

question.

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Q. [REDACTED]

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the individuals who [REDACTED]

11:06:17 25

particular employees?



11:06:20 1 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Vague.

11:06:26 2 THE WITNESS: I can't answer your question in  
11:06:27 3 terms of which named individual [REDACTED] to which

11:06:33 4 [REDACTED]  
11:06:37 5 [REDACTED]

11:06:41 6 management chain, be responsible for [REDACTED]

11:06:49 7 [REDACTED]  
11:06:54 8 [REDACTED]

11:07:01 9 MR. HARVEY: Q. [REDACTED]

11:07:02 10 [REDACTED]

11:07:06 11 [REDACTED]

11:07:09 12 [REDACTED]

11:07:10 13 A. I'm sorry, I don't understand that last part of  
11:07:12 14 your question.

11:07:14 15 Q. So for a particular employee working for  
11:07:18 16 Google, say in 2005 --

11:07:20 17 A. Yes.

11:07:22 18 Q. -- [REDACTED]

11:07:24 19 [REDACTED]

11:07:31 20 A. I don't recall specifically 2005, but the most  
11:07:35 21 common pattern throughout this period was that each  
11:07:39 22 individual -- [REDACTED]

11:07:48 23 [REDACTED] And at different times, [REDACTED]

11:07:53 24 [REDACTED]

11:07:59 25 [REDACTED]

11:08:04 1 [REDACTED]

11:08:07 2 [REDACTED]

11:08:10 3 [REDACTED]

11:08:15 4 Q. Okay. [REDACTED]

11:08:21 5 [REDACTED]

11:08:23 6 [REDACTED]

11:08:27 7 [REDACTED]

11:08:32 8 [REDACTED]

11:08:42 9 A. [REDACTED]

11:08:46 10 [REDACTED]

11:08:51 11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

11:08:58 12 [REDACTED]

11:09:04 13 [REDACTED]

11:09:08 14 [REDACTED]

11:09:12 15 [REDACTED]

11:09:14 16 But generally speaking, [REDACTED]

11:09:16 17 [REDACTED]

11:09:21 18 [REDACTED]

11:09:24 19 [REDACTED]

11:09:30 20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

11:09:32 21 [REDACTED]

11:09:38 22 [REDACTED]

11:09:42 23 [REDACTED]

11:09:45 24 Q. Okay. Did Google have a single company-wide

11:10:00 25 budget for salary increases?

11:10:03 1 MR. RUBIN: Ambiguous as to time.

11:10:07 2 MR. HARVEY: Q. From when you started  
11:10:09 3 until the present time, to your knowledge.

11:10:18 4 A. I don't remember the details of how we managed  
11:10:23 5 budget relative to compensation changes, and it changed  
11:10:30 6 over time. [REDACTED]

11:10:38 7 [REDACTED]

11:10:42 8 [REDACTED]

11:10:46 9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

11:10:50 10 [REDACTED]

11:10:57 11 [REDACTED] And it also was managed  
11:11:01 12 differently at different points in time.

11:11:18 13 Q. But for any given year, there was a budget for  
11:11:22 14 compensation, correct?

11:11:24 15 A. [REDACTED]

11:11:28 16 [REDACTED]

11:11:33 17 [REDACTED]

11:11:39 18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

11:11:48 19 [REDACTED]

11:11:55 20 [REDACTED]

11:12:00 21 [REDACTED]

11:12:03 22 [REDACTED]

11:12:08 23 Q. Maybe I'm not being clear. I'm not asking  
11:12:10 24 about the relationship between budgets and compensation  
11:12:14 25 decisions or timing or any of that. I'm just asking a

11:24:31 1 Q. Okay. Have you ever discussed or thought about  
11:24:42 2 whether, you know, Googlers choose to work for Google  
11:24:46 3 for reasons other than money or benefits?

11:24:50 4 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Overly broad. Calls  
11:24:53 5 for speculation.

11:25:05 6 THE WITNESS: The way I would answer your  
11:25:06 7 question is rather than talk about why people join, I  
11:25:08 8 would answer your question and explain why people stay.

11:25:13 9 On a routine basis, we conduct surveys of our  
11:25:17 10 existing employees, and one of the questions we ask is,  
11:25:22 11 why are you staying at Google. And the answer, in my  
11:25:27 12 time line of exposure to that, which overlaps with the  
11:25:33 13 period in question, is relatively consistent. People  
11:25:37 14 choose to stay at Google because of the cohort they get  
11:25:40 15 to work with. In other words, they enjoy their  
11:25:43 16 colleagues. Because of the quality of the -- and nature  
11:25:47 17 of the problems they get to work on. In other words,  
11:25:49 18 they get to do interesting work. And those were  
11:25:55 19 consistently the first and second factors that explained  
11:25:59 20 why they chose to stay at Google.

11:26:02 21 And then the third was broadly described as the  
11:26:05 22 work environment, which is different things to different  
11:26:08 23 people. For some people that's because they have -- we  
11:26:12 24 have mother's rooms and mother's parking. For other  
11:26:18 25 people, it's because there was laundry rooms and free

11:26:20 1 food. It depends on the individual. But in general,  
11:26:22 2 the work environment was always the third.

11:26:26 3 So that's a fact-based answer to your question  
11:26:28 4 of why people at least were choosing to stay at Google.

11:26:32 5 MR. HARVEY: Thank you.

11:27:06 6 Q. Please take a look at what's been marked  
11:27:08 7 Plaintiffs' Exhibit 551.

11:27:09 8 (Whereupon, Exhibit 551 was marked for  
11:27:09 9 identification.)

11:28:17 10 THE WITNESS: Okay.

11:28:18 11 MR. HARVEY: Q. I just want to get into  
11:28:19 12 some of the vocabulary here and just walk through  
11:28:22 13 the email.

11:28:23 14 Well, first I want to ask, who is Jeffrey  
11:28:27 15 Donovan?

11:28:31 16 A. My recollection is that Jeffrey was one of  
11:28:38 17 the -- was in our law group somewhere. I don't recall  
11:28:42 18 that he was part of the people ops organization.

11:28:58 19 Q. Okay. Did he, in fact, send you this email --  
11:29:00 20 I guess you were cc'd -- on January 19th, 2004?

11:29:05 21 A. I don't have any recollection of this email,  
11:29:07 22 but I have no reason to believe that I wasn't cc'd on it  
11:29:11 23 as this exhibit suggests.

11:29:15 24 Q. If you go to point one in his email where he  
11:29:18 25 says, "Confirm the levels for each person." Are levels

11:29:22 1 for employees a concept with which you're familiar?

11:29:30 2 A. Yes. The idea that we had employees at  
11:29:33 3 different levels is a concept I'm familiar with. I  
11:29:38 4 don't know what he's specifically referring to here.  
11:29:41 5 It's unclear. But generally speaking, we'd had  
11:29:46 6 different levels for employees. Yes.

11:29:49 7 Q. And just for clarity, I won't ask you to get  
11:29:52 8 into Mr. Donovan's mind. I'm just using this as a way  
11:29:55 9 to get your understanding of what different terms mean.

11:30:00 10 So what did -- well, how did Google level its  
11:30:07 11 employees?

11:30:07 12 MR. RUBIN: How did Google -- I'm sorry?

11:30:09 13 MR. HARVEY: It's not put very artfully.

11:30:10 14 Q. But how did Google use leveling in the sense of  
11:30:13 15 why was it relevant to compensation at Google?

11:30:20 16 A. I'll try to answer your question.

11:30:22 17 We spoke earlier about the fact that you would  
11:30:26 18 have what I refer to as a job ladder, and that  
11:30:30 19 terminology may have changed over time. But within a  
11:30:36 20 job ladder, we would typically refer to, for example,  
11:30:39 21 the lowest level position -- we would refer to those as  
11:30:44 22 levels on a ladder. So perhaps you were hired into an  
11:30:50 23 entry level position. It doesn't necessarily mean your  
11:30:54 24 first job was the bottom of the ladder.

11:30:56 25 But there would be some position at the bottom

11:30:57 1 of a ladder which reflected a level, and then I think  
11:31:02 2 sometimes it was called zero and sometimes one. I don't  
11:31:05 3 recall, and I think it changed over time. But, you  
11:31:07 4 know -- and then it was numbered for ease of  
11:31:11 5 understanding that if you discussed a specific role, you  
11:31:16 6 could understand that that role was at a specific level  
11:31:19 7 on a certain job ladder.

11:31:25 8 Q. Okay. And the concept of -- well, scratch  
11:31:29 9 that.

11:31:34 10 In the second point, he says, "Place unmatched  
11:31:37 11 people into a level and give them a salary range."

11:31:42 12 Did -- or were there occasionally employees at  
11:31:46 13 Google who weren't put into a level that Google  
11:31:49 14 identified and then figured out where to put them?

11:31:52 15 A. Again, I don't remember January of 2004 very  
11:31:56 16 well. What I do remember is that we needed to create  
11:32:05 17 sets of these -- as we created new roles in the company,  
11:32:11 18 we needed to create job ladders and we typically had  
11:32:14 19 levels of them. And it would certainly be the case in  
11:32:19 20 January 2004 that on a regular basis, we would be  
11:32:23 21 creating new group -- entire new groups for the company  
11:32:28 22 which would imply new roles and would imply new ladders  
11:32:34 23 and new levels, and it would certainly be the case that  
11:32:37 24 those might be pre-populated, if you will.

11:32:40 25 So there would be employees who were performing

11:32:43 1 those roles ahead of us actually figuring out that we --  
11:32:47 2 what the new job ladder would be and where the role sat  
11:32:52 3 on it and levels and so on.

11:32:53 4 So the question of whether or not an individual  
11:32:56 5 employee at some time may have existed in this period  
11:33:00 6 and not have had a clear level or role for some period  
11:33:05 7 of time, I think that's certainly the case, yes.

11:33:19 8 Q. In point 2b, he says, "Include" -- I'm sorry.  
11:33:23 9 He says, [REDACTED]

11:33:28 10 [REDACTED]

11:33:33 11 In your experience at Google, were there

11:33:35 12 [REDACTED]

11:33:37 13 [REDACTED]

11:33:41 14 A. I don't know what he means by [REDACTED]  
11:33:44 15 so I'm not going to try to interpret. Let me answer  
11:33:47 16 your question about whether or not we ever had  
11:33:50 17 individuals who were [REDACTED]

11:33:53 18 The answer to that question is, yes. Which is  
11:33:57 19 that you would hire individuals, and you would hire them  
11:34:01 20 into a certain role. And based on the interview process  
11:34:06 21 and our anticipation of the value that they would add to  
11:34:11 22 the company, we would slot them into a specific level.

11:34:15 23 It's -- it did happen on occasion where we  
11:34:18 24 simply guessed wrong, right? The interview process is  
11:34:22 25 well understood to be an imperfect process. And the



11:34:33 1 [REDACTED]

11:34:37 2 [REDACTED]

11:34:41 3 [REDACTED]

11:34:45 4 [REDACTED]

11:34:49 5 [REDACTED]

11:34:54 6 [REDACTED]

11:34:56 7 [REDACTED]

11:35:00 8 [REDACTED]

11:35:03 9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

11:35:06 10 [REDACTED]

11:35:13 11 MR. RUBIN: Dean --

11:35:13 12 MR. HARVEY: Yep.

11:35:13 13 MR. RUBIN: -- I think it's a good time for a

11:35:15 14 break and I actually have to go to the restroom.

11:35:17 15 MR. HARVEY: Well, I have no objection to that,

11:35:18 16 so....

11:35:19 17 MR. RUBIN: Okay. Good.

11:35:19 18 MR. HARVEY: All right.

11:35:20 19 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 11:35 a.m.

11:35:25 20 We're going off the record. This is the end of video

11:35:29 21 No. 2.

11:35:35 22 (Recess taken.)

11:50:12 23 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This is the beginning of

11:50:14 24 video No. 3 in the deposition of Shona Brown. The time

11:50:17 25 is 11:50 a.m.

02:33:09 1 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This is the end of video

02:33:10 2 No. 4. The time is 1:33 p.m. -- 2:33 p.m.

02:34:59 3 We're going off the record.

02:35:25 4 (Recess taken.)

02:43:27 5 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This is the beginning of

02:43:28 6 video No. 5 in the deposition of Shona Brown. The time

02:43:32 7 is 2:43 p.m.

02:43:34 8 We're back on the record.

02:43:37 9 MR. HARVEY: Q. I'd like to just go through

02:43:38 10 some of the key people in this case and just ask about

02:43:43 11 your relationship to them.

02:43:44 12 And starting with Steve Jobs, did you ever

02:43:47 13 communicate directly with Steve Jobs?

02:43:51 14 A. I don't recall any direct communication between

02:43:52 15 myself and Steve Jobs. No.

02:44:02 16 Q. Did you ever discuss with Mr. Schmidt his

02:44:05 17 communications with Mr. Jobs?

02:44:09 18 A. I have no recollection of a conversation with

02:44:12 19 Eric on any Steve Jobs communication, no.

02:44:18 20 Q. Do you have any recollection of any

02:44:22 21 communications between Steve Jobs on the one hand and

02:44:25 22 someone at Google on the other?

02:44:28 23 A. I'm generally aware that -- I mean, I don't

02:44:35 24 know what specifically, but I -- he had a relationship

02:44:39 25 with Eric. Obviously, at some certain period, he was on

02:44:43 1 the board. They probably talked. So I'm generally  
02:44:46 2 aware that they had a relationship.

02:44:47 3 I'm generally aware that Steve and Bill  
02:44:50 4 Campbell, who was also serving on the Apple board, had a  
02:44:53 5 relationship.

02:44:58 6 I'm also generally aware that both Larry Page  
02:45:02 7 and Sergey Brin were on friendly terms with Steve Jobs.  
02:45:07 8 I don't know what that translated to in terms of  
02:45:10 9 specific types or frequency of communication.

02:45:15 10 Q. Aside from email -- I'm sorry, scratch that.

02:45:25 11 As far as you know, did Steve Jobs use an --  
02:45:28 12 use an email address apart from sjobs@apple.com?

02:45:35 13 A. I wasn't aware what his Apple email was. I'm  
02:45:37 14 not familiar with his email addresses. Sorry.

02:45:41 15 Q. Okay. I'd like to move to Bill Campbell. We  
02:45:44 16 discussed him earlier and you brought him up just now.

02:45:51 17 How often, approximately, from, say, 2003 until  
02:45:57 18 when you headed up Google.org did you communicate  
02:46:01 19 directly with Bill Campbell?

02:46:10 20 A. I would say, in most weeks, I would see Bill  
02:46:15 21 Campbell, but maybe that means 70 percent of weeks I  
02:46:19 22 would see Bill Campbell at least once in our  
02:46:25 23 EMG/OC/whichever-acronym-we-were-using meeting. I'm  
02:46:31 24 just guessing on the percentiles, but it felt like more  
02:46:35 25 than once a month and less than once a week in aggregate

02:46:38 1 across that period.

02:46:47 2 Q. When you emailed Bill Campbell, did you always  
02:46:50 3 use his Intuit.com email address?

02:46:57 4 A. Sorry, I only have one email that I know of  
02:47:00 5 that I used for Bill Campbell. If that was -- was it an  
02:47:03 6 Intuit.com one? I don't know. You'd have to show --

02:47:06 7 Q. I'm not sure which one you're referring to.

02:47:08 8 A. You would have to show me an email from me to  
02:47:11 9 him, but I'm only remembering that I had one email for  
02:47:14 10 him. I don't remember having more than one email for  
02:47:19 11 him.

02:47:20 12 Q. Okay. Okay. Fair enough.

02:47:21 13 Did you ever use more than one email address to  
02:47:30 14 email Eric Schmidt?

02:47:35 15 A. My recollection is that I only ever had his  
02:47:38 16 Google email. And that's the one that I used.

02:47:43 17 Q. Okay. Did you ever send an email to Paul  
02:47:52 18 Otellini?

02:47:54 19 A. I have sent emails to Paul Otellini in the  
02:47:57 20 past. I can't remember specifics, but yes, I have  
02:48:01 21 emailed him.

02:48:02 22 Q. Do you remember whether it was to his Intel.com  
02:48:04 23 email address?

02:48:06 24 A. I don't remember having more than one email  
02:48:08 25 address for him. Sorry, I just don't recall.

02:48:34 1 Q. When Google finalized its do-not-call list,  
02:48:40 2 were there any communications with the board to -- to  
02:48:44 3 explain to them the -- a decision that the EMG had made?

02:48:50 4 A. Just to clarify, are you referring to when we  
02:48:53 5 first created the do-not-call list?

02:48:57 6 Q. Yes.

02:48:58 7 A. My recollection of when we first created that  
02:49:01 8 list was that it was, as we've discussed, an internal  
02:49:06 9 management decision, and I don't recall any subsequent  
02:49:10 10 communications other than to the people in the company  
02:49:13 11 who needed to know in order to execute against the  
02:49:16 12 do-not-call list.

02:49:18 13 Q. So a do-not-call list was never discussed with  
02:49:20 14 the board?

02:49:22 15 A. Not that I'm aware of.

02:49:24 16 Q. Okay. Please examine Exhibit 566.

02:50:02 17 (Whereupon, Exhibit 566 was marked for  
02:50:02 18 identification.)

02:50:40 19 THE WITNESS: Okay.

02:50:45 20 MR. HARVEY: Q. Did Mr. Geshuri send this  
02:50:47 21 email to you on September 15th, 2005?

02:50:51 22 A. Again, I don't recall the specific incidents  
02:50:55 23 but it certainly looks like an email from Arnnon to me  
02:50:58 24 in September 2005.

02:51:02 25 Q. You can put that to the side.

04:06:23 1 actually.

04:06:24 2 If you could take a look at Exhibit -- I'm

04:06:26 3 sorry. Just give me a moment.

04:06:33 4 A. Sure.

04:06:46 5 Q. Did Sheryl Sandberg report to you?

04:06:47 6 A. No, Sheryl Sandberg did not report to me.

04:06:57 7 Q. Who did she report to?

04:07:02 8 MR. RUBIN: Objection as to time. Ambiguity as

04:07:08 9 to time.

04:07:15 10 MR. HARVEY: Q. Well, at the time of the

04:07:17 11 document. That would be on April 6th, 2006.

04:07:22 12 A. My recollection is that for the bulk of the

04:07:25 13 time period in question, she reported in to Omid

04:07:31 14 Kordestani, but I'm not certain if she did very early in

04:07:34 15 the period.

04:07:35 16 Q. Okay.

04:07:43 17 A. At the time that she left Google, she reported

04:07:45 18 to Omid Kordestani.

04:08:20 19 Q. For some reason, I don't seem to have copies of

04:08:22 20 this, but I'd just like to introduce it.

04:08:26 21 And if she could label this as Exhibit 637.

04:08:51 22 (Whereupon, Exhibit 637 was marked for

04:08:51 23 identification.)

04:08:52 24 MR. HARVEY: And I apologize, Lee, but if you

04:08:54 25 could look at it --

04:08:55 1 MR. RUBIN: Sure.

04:08:55 2 MR. HARVEY: -- with the witness.

04:08:57 3 Q. If you could please take a look at that  
04:08:58 4 document.

04:09:32 5 And I would direct your attention to the part  
04:09:34 6 of it that describes Intuit. And I believe the date --  
04:09:37 7 and correct me if I get it wrong, but I believe the  
04:09:40 8 date -- the effective date for the Intuit line is April  
04:09:43 9 10th of 2006, which is four days after this email.

04:09:46 10 And by this email, I'm referring to  
04:09:47 11 Exhibit 575.

04:09:51 12 A. Okay.

04:09:52 13 Q. So does that refresh your recollection that at  
04:09:55 14 the time, though Intuit was part of this document, it  
04:09:59 15 was still limited to specific individuals?

04:10:03 16 A. Honestly, my memory was that Intuit was always  
04:10:05 17 on the list. Looking at this, I'm -- I'm remembering  
04:10:09 18 that there were these conversations. My memory is they  
04:10:13 19 never went anywhere, so I guess somehow in my brain,  
04:10:16 20 they had always just been on the list fully. It looks  
04:10:20 21 like they clearly were on the list at this stage in  
04:10:23 22 April of 2006 only for a limited set of individuals.

04:10:27 23 Q. Okay. Do you have any knowledge of Google ever  
04:10:53 24 asking for Bill Campbell's permission to proceed to  
04:10:57 25 discuss a potential offer with an Intuit employee?

04:11:04 1 A. I don't have a specific recollection, but as  
04:11:07 2 per earlier discussion, I have a memory that there were  
04:11:11 3 a small number of these incoming requests when we had  
04:11:20 4 made an unsolicited call into one of the companies on  
04:11:24 5 the do-not-call list despite the policy existing where a  
04:11:28 6 high-level complaint would come in.

04:11:30 7 It's a very small number of those complaints  
04:11:32 8 over a number of years, and I just don't remember, as  
04:11:37 9 with Intel, I don't remember if there was one from  
04:11:40 10 Intuit, but it's quite -- it's quite possible that  
04:11:43 11 that's the case.

04:11:46 12 Q. What about for candidates who contacted Google  
04:11:50 13 initially? Did Google sometimes still ask for  
04:11:55 14 permission to proceed with those candidates for  
04:11:58 15 companies that were on the do-not-call list?

04:12:00 16 A. Our policy always only applied to the  
04:12:05 17 do-not-call situation. My memory was refreshed this  
04:12:09 18 week that there's one one-off situation, where I think  
04:12:14 19 it's Laszlo makes to a conciliatory adjustor, although I  
04:12:21 20 don't believe it was a candidate. I believe it was a  
04:12:23 21 potential person to call or very early stage, but I'm  
04:12:26 22 sorry, I don't remember the details. Perhaps that's  
04:12:29 23 what you're referring to.

04:12:30 24 Q. Yeah, I think I'm looking at the document.  
04:12:32 25 Exhibit 586.



04:12:33 1 Is that the document you're talking about?

04:12:37 2 A. Let's take a look.

04:12:38 3 (Whereupon, Exhibit 586 was marked for  
04:12:38 4 identification.)

04:12:42 5 THE WITNESS: Yes. This is the one that my  
04:12:43 6 memory was refreshed.

04:13:09 7 MR. HARVEY: Q. But at some point, Bill  
04:13:11 8 Campbell requested that Intuit be added fully to the  
04:13:14 9 do-not-call list, correct?

04:13:22 10 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Vague.

04:13:26 11 THE WITNESS: I don't have a -- I don't have a  
04:13:28 12 memory of -- well, as I said, just a few moments ago, my  
04:13:34 13 memory, though flawed, is that Intuit was actually  
04:13:38 14 always on the do-not-call list.

04:13:40 15 We've just looked at a sequence where, clearly,  
04:13:42 16 they, at one point, was only a set of individuals. I  
04:13:46 17 don't remember when they transitioned from a set of  
04:13:48 18 individuals to being fully on the list.

04:13:53 19 MR. HARVEY: Q. If you could look at  
04:13:54 20 Exhibit 597.

04:13:58 21 (Whereupon, Exhibit 597 was marked for  
04:13:58 22 identification.)

04:14:07 23 THE WITNESS: Okay.

04:14:08 24 MR. HARVEY: Q. Does this refresh your  
04:14:09 25 recollection of when Mr. Campbell requested that

05:11:20 1 Q. When did Facebook [sic] begin entertaining the  
05:11:34 2 idea of doing a company-wide raise that was referred to  
05:11:39 3 internally as the big bang?

05:11:43 4 A. Did you mean to say Google?

05:11:45 5 Q. Yes, I did. Thank you. Sorry, it's getting  
05:11:47 6 late.

05:11:53 7 A. What we typically -- or what we have referred  
05:11:54 8 to as big bang is when we announce a series of actions,  
05:12:03 9 most notably the 10 percent salary increase. And that  
05:12:07 10 is -- I forget the exact date, to be honest, but it is  
05:12:12 11 really an end point in an evolution. It's best  
05:12:16 12 understood if you look at our compensation over time.  
05:12:18 13 We start as a very small company offering, some might  
05:12:22 14 say, too small salaries. We're always meritocratic.  
05:12:30 15 There's some cash bonus in there, but our biggest  
05:12:34 16 offering from a compensation perspective is our options  
05:12:37 17 at that time.

05:12:38 18 As we become a public company, as the relative  
05:12:41 19 rate of growth of our stock price, right, is -- is less  
05:12:44 20 for newer employees coming in, we, like many other  
05:12:48 21 companies, the nature of our compensation package, in  
05:12:51 22 terms of what's attractive, starts to change.

05:12:54 23 We're also serving our employees throughout  
05:12:56 24 this period. And as you go from a small com -- startup  
05:13:01 25 where everyone joining you has -- well, most people

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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05:13:16 6

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

05:13:20 7

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05:13:22 8

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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So the outcome of that was a decision to

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actually look at that and for -- the only incident I can

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recall when we unilaterally, in other words, without a

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performance orientation to it, we looked across the

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whole company, and we said we're going to give a

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10 percent -- it doesn't -- it was a percentile but

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still, we gave it to everybody. A 10 -- at least I

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recall it being everybody. A 10 percent raise and --

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] So from a responsibility perspective of thinking

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about our -- you know, as a management team, it wasn't a

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silly thing to do.

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And what's interesting is the value that you

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would get in terms of employees appreciating that, we

05:14:18 1 [REDACTED]

05:14:21 2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

05:14:25 3 [REDACTED]

05:14:28 4 [REDACTED]

05:14:30 5 That's the orientation behind it, and that leads up to

05:14:34 6 what's commonly called big bang or the announcement of

05:14:37 7 our -- our wage increase across the company.

05:14:39 8 To my knowledge, it's the only time we did

05:14:41 9 anything, you know, across everybody that wasn't

05:14:45 10 performance oriented and case by case and so on.

05:14:51 11 MR. HARVEY: Q. If you could please take a

05:14:53 12 look at Exhibit 625.

05:15:00 13 (Whereupon, Exhibit 625 was marked for

05:15:00 14 identification.)

05:15:14 15 MR. HARVEY: Q. And I'm only going to ask

05:15:15 16 you about Jonathan Rosenberg's email towards the top

05:15:20 17 and your response.

05:15:24 18 A. Jonathan Rosenberg's -- oh, wait. Sorry. I

05:15:26 19 just want to see what's up.

05:15:34 20 Q. Sure.

05:16:25 21 A. Okay.

05:16:27 22 Q. Did you write this email to the OC -- I'm

05:16:29 23 sorry -- to Jonathan Rosenberg copying the OC and Bill

05:16:33 24 Campbell on October 9th, 2010?

05:16:37 25 A. Yes. I don't recall the email, but it looks to

05:16:39 1 be an email from me to Jonathan in October 2010. Yes.

05:16:44 2 Q. Okay. Starting with your email, what were you  
05:16:49 3 referring to when you wrote, "The well-known downside of  
05:16:52 4 what we have chosen to do"?

05:17:01 5 A. I -- I don't remember what I'm referring to,  
05:17:03 6 but in the context of Jonathan's email below, I'm  
05:17:07 7 speaking to this point that we discussed earlier, which  
05:17:10 8 is that when you are choosing to counteroffer at times,  
05:17:16 9 even if you're thoughtful about it, if it starts to be  
05:17:20 10 understood, you know, in pockets of the company or just  
05:17:22 11 people start to feel like that's happening, you're going  
05:17:25 12 to create some concerns about, well, if I'm not somebody  
05:17:30 13 who's sought to leave the company and I haven't,  
05:17:32 14 therefore, gotten a counteroffer, am I being treated  
05:17:35 15 fairly in terms of the compensation that I get relative.

05:17:39 16 Now, they may not know the details, but their  
05:17:43 17 gossip is usually worse than reality, right? So that's  
05:17:46 18 the point that I'm -- I -- I expect I'm alluding to  
05:17:48 19 there.

05:17:49 20 Q. Okay. And -- well, could you explain what you  
05:17:56 21 meant by the sentence, "And hope that big bang and other  
05:18:02 22 efforts we take short circuits the whole loop  
05:18:05 23 dramatically causing less people to seek other offers in  
05:18:10 24 the first place"?

05:18:11 25 A. Yes. I would -- I mean, this is consistent

05:24:29 1 wrong sorts of people for the role that they were --  
05:24:30 2 they were trying to fill.

05:24:32 3 Q. Was part of the reason why it was off base was  
05:24:37 4 that it was Intuit recruiting an employee of Google?

05:24:41 5 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Lacks foundation.

05:24:47 6 THE WITNESS: Honestly, my memory of this  
05:24:48 7 incident is just that this was sort of embarrassing and  
05:24:52 8 it wouldn't have mattered if it -- wherever the  
05:24:55 9 executive was. Executive of my level being approached  
05:24:59 10 for this kind of a job was an indication of a poor  
05:25:02 11 performing team, so I was trying to be helpful to Bill  
05:25:05 12 and say -- figured he would know who to let know that  
05:25:09 13 their team was a little off base.

05:25:11 14 MR. HARVEY: Q. Did you intend that Bill  
05:25:13 15 Campbell would make sure that Intuit wouldn't make any  
05:25:16 16 future recruiting efforts at Google?

05:25:18 17 A. No. Not at all. This is merely me letting  
05:25:21 18 Bill know that -- that, you know, somebody at Intuit is  
05:25:26 19 a little confused in their job description.

05:25:49 20 Q. Okay. Following the DOJ investigation and the  
05:25:54 21 dismantling of the do-not-call list, do you have an  
05:26:00 22 understanding that Google currently pursues talent  
05:26:03 23 wherever it might be, regardless of whether it's an  
05:26:06 24 employee at Apple, an employee at Intel, an employee of  
05:26:10 25 Intuit?

05:26:12 1 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Vague.

05:26:17 2 THE WITNESS: If you're asking what is the  
05:26:19 3 current state of our policies with regard to any  
05:26:24 4 do-not-call situations, I'm not up to date on whether  
05:26:28 5 those exist and, you know, and if so, you know, anything  
05:26:31 6 about them. So I just don't know.

05:26:34 7 (Reporter clarification.)

05:26:34 8 THE WITNESS: I'm just not up to date, and if  
05:26:36 9 so, I just don't know whether they exist or not.

05:26:51 10 MR. HARVEY: If you could take a look at  
05:26:53 11 Exhibit 635.

05:26:54 12 (Whereupon, Exhibit 635 was marked for  
05:26:54 13 identification.)

05:27:04 14 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.

05:27:05 15 MR. HARVEY: Q. Okay. Laszlo Bock wrote  
05:27:08 16 this email and sent it to members of Google's board  
05:27:13 17 and copied Eric Schmidt, Larry Page, Sergey Brin,  
05:27:18 18 Bill Campbell and yourself, correct?

05:27:20 19 A. Yes. This appears to be an email from Laszlo  
05:27:24 20 in January 2011 to a number, if all the board members,  
05:27:29 21 and then copying Kent, myself and Bill. Yeah.

05:27:34 22 Q. Could you look to the bottom of Mr. Bock's  
05:27:37 23 email where he wrote that, "Google continues to look at  
05:27:41 24 opportunities to recruit talented individuals from both  
05:27:46 25 companies," being Facebook and Twitter, "as we do from

05:27:49 1 all sources of talented employees."

05:27:51 2 Do you see that?

05:27:52 3 A. I do.

05:27:54 4 Q. Is that your understanding, that as of 2011,  
05:27:58 5 Google was looking for talented individuals from all  
05:28:01 6 sources of talented employees?

05:28:05 7 A. Well, the context of this email is our  
05:28:12 8 recruiting from startups, such as Facebook and Twitter  
05:28:15 9 and how that's going, and -- I mean, the statement of,  
05:28:18 10 do we look for talented people where -- you know,  
05:28:20 11 wherever we could find them is sort of true across our  
05:28:23 12 history, our exception to that is this very limited  
05:28:26 13 do-not-call list that we've been talking about today.

05:28:29 14 Other than that, I'm not aware of any attempts  
05:28:32 15 to, you know, restrict the general point of, you know,  
05:28:36 16 let's look for talented people.

05:28:41 17 MR. HARVEY: Why don't we take a break.

05:28:44 18 MR. RUBIN: Okay. Wrapping up, you think?

05:28:46 19 MR. HARVEY: No, but I'm just going to take a  
05:28:48 20 break.

05:28:49 21 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 5:28 p.m. We're  
05:28:51 22 going off the record.

05:28:52 23 (Recess taken.)

05:44:50 24 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 5:44 p.m. We're  
05:44:53 25 back on the record.



05:44:57 1 MR. HARVEY: Q. If we could step back for  
05:44:58 2 a moment and talk about the companies that appeared  
05:45:01 3 on the do-not-call list. First starting with Apple.

05:45:07 4 At any point during your time at Google, did  
05:45:10 5 you have any reason to believe that Apple's policy was  
05:45:15 6 not to cold call Google employees?

05:45:20 7 A. I don't recall ever having any knowledge of any  
05:45:23 8 specific Apple recruiting policies including a  
05:45:28 9 do-not-call policy.

05:45:33 10 Q. Given the communications between Mr. Schmidt  
05:45:36 11 and Mr. Jobs that we went over earlier, does that  
05:45:44 12 suggest to you that one of the reasons why Apple  
05:45:47 13 appeared on the do-not-call list and continue to remain  
05:45:50 14 on the do-not-call list was that the commitments not to  
05:45:56 15 recruit were mutual?

05:45:57 16 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Calls for speculation.

05:46:02 17 THE WITNESS: We've talked already about the  
05:46:04 18 creation of the do-not-call list and my recollection of  
05:46:06 19 it being a unit -- a unilateral policy that we wanted to  
05:46:12 20 create to make us a better partner to work with. That's  
05:46:16 21 inclusive of Apple. And that's my recollection of the  
05:46:21 22 origins of the list.

05:46:25 23 MR. HARVEY: Q. Given what we've seen  
05:46:26 24 today, what makes you believe that this was a  
05:46:28 25 unilateral policy?

05:57:24 1 that we actually used outside compensation consultants,  
05:57:27 2 but what he's suggesting is that this is reliable  
05:57:32 3 information about the planned budget. It's not clear to  
05:57:34 4 me at all that a Googler actually called up, you know,  
05:57:36 5 an Amazon person to accomplish this. It's unclear from  
05:57:40 6 the way he's expressed it.

05:57:42 7 MR. HARVEY: Q. When he says we called tech  
05:57:44 8 companies, is there anything unclear about that?

05:57:46 9 A. I --

05:57:46 10 MR. RUBIN: I think that's what she's telling  
05:57:47 11 you. So objection. Argumentative. Not listening to  
05:57:51 12 the answer.

05:57:55 13 THE WITNESS: I'll just repeat that my  
05:57:57 14 interpretation in an email like this at a summary level  
05:58:00 15 when he says, we called tech companies, he's simply  
05:58:03 16 trying to say that we have access to information that we  
05:58:06 17 believe reliably comes from those companies directly  
05:58:09 18 that this is their planned budgets. I don't know how he  
05:58:12 19 went about getting the information.

05:58:13 20 The context for this is the economy -- the  
05:58:16 21 state of the economy in the fall of 2008 and trying to  
05:58:19 22 understand whether or not other companies are thinking  
05:58:22 23 it's appropriate when you have increasing portions of  
05:58:26 24 the U.S. getting laid off, et cetera, to have the  
05:58:30 25 technology sector giving increases and what is

05:58:32 1 appropriate.

05:58:33 2           It's -- it's -- it is common practice, across  
05:58:36 3 compensation consultant firms to understand, you know,  
05:58:39 4 what the sort of average salary increases -- the  
05:58:44 5 information is usually dated but what the average salary  
05:58:47 6 increases are to keep up with the increased cost of  
05:58:50 7 living, et cetera. So that's the context in which this  
05:58:51 8 is being presented.

05:58:53 9           MR. HARVEY: Q. Can you identify a single  
05:58:56 10 survey or a single consulting company that would provide  
05:59:00 11 company-specific merit budgets that are --

05:59:07 12           A. I don't --

05:59:07 13           Q. -- yet to be finalized in one case?

05:59:11 14           A. No, I don't know the de -- as I say, I don't  
05:59:12 15 know the details of how he put together this  
05:59:14 16 information.

05:59:14 17           Q. Well, I'm just asking you, apart from the  
05:59:16 18 document, can you identify a single survey company or  
05:59:20 19 consultancy that would provide this kind of information  
05:59:24 20 to Google?

05:59:25 21           A. I don't have a good memory of exactly -- it's  
05:59:25 22 been a while since I've actually looked at specific  
05:59:29 23 survey data by survey companies and what they're able to  
05:59:32 24 provide at what level. So I can't tell you that.

05:59:34 25           Q. Okay. How did Google determine the pay ranges

05:59:55 1 that we described earlier -- I'm sorry, that you  
05:59:58 2 testified about earlier?

06:00:04 3 A. I'll answer the question of how pay ranges were  
06:00:07 4 created at a very high level because I think the details  
06:00:10 5 of how that's done probably changes over the time period  
06:00:13 6 in question.

06:00:16 7 But these components are probably a part of it  
06:00:19 8 and, again, I'm -- I'm probably a bit too far above it  
06:00:22 9 to give you the specifics. But one is that you would  
06:00:25 10 attempt to understand, for all of the roles in your  
06:00:29 11 company, how they matched to roles in the -- outside in  
06:00:33 12 the market. So usually third parties are involved to  
06:00:37 13 help companies with this process, but what you're trying  
06:00:40 14 to understand is, if you will, a role match.

06:00:43 15 Sometimes you have roles inside your company  
06:00:45 16 where that's very difficult to do. You just don't hire  
06:00:48 17 the same type of people to do the same type of job. But  
06:00:52 18 generally speaking, what you're trying to understand is,  
06:00:53 19 for somebody who is in this role, what are other  
06:00:57 20 companies paying people who do this kind of work. So  
06:01:00 21 that's one data point that you would use.

06:01:05 22 The term that's often used in reference to  
06:01:07 23 that, and I don't know if we still use it, is a market  
06:01:10 24 reference point. And that's -- that's meant to be  
06:01:13 25 describing a -- and it's different for different

06:01:17 1 types -- different parts of pay, but it's meant to be  
06:01:20 2 describing either a mean or median associated with that  
06:01:23 3 external market and that role.

06:01:26 4 The second part of your pay structure is,  
06:01:29 5 though, then looking internally, right? And you're  
06:01:33 6 trying to understand, okay, the outside world thinks of  
06:01:37 7 this role in the following way. Terrific. Is that  
06:01:39 8 entirely consistent with how we think about that role?  
06:01:43 9 Would we hire the very same types of people? Would we  
06:01:46 10 have them do really the very same types of work? Would  
06:01:49 11 we value them in the very same way? If that's the case,  
06:01:52 12 your pays -- your pay range might actually match  
06:01:54 13 perfectly that pay range that is reflected in the  
06:01:57 14 aggregate external market data. If it's not, it will  
06:02:01 15 differ.

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06:02:12 20 And then another input would be, okay, great.  
06:02:17 21 We understand pay ranges. We've just compared ourself  
06:02:19 22 to some companies who give no stock, say. Or maybe they  
06:02:23 23 have defined benefit plans and we don't, right? So you  
06:02:26 24 have to take into account the other elements of pay as  
06:02:29 25 well and factor that into whether or not it's an apples

06:02:31 1 to apples as you think about your pay structure that  
06:02:34 2 you're creating.

06:02:38 3 So at a high level -- now, exactly, you know,  
06:02:41 4 how we did all of those steps, I think it changes a lot,  
06:02:45 5 you know, over time. It changes as we get bigger, more  
06:02:48 6 complex, et cetera. But generally speaking, those would  
06:02:50 7 be inputs into -- it's my understanding of how you would  
06:02:53 8 think about creating pay bands.

06:02:56 9 Q. And would your answer stay the same for how  
06:03:00 10 Google would determine range minimums and maximums?

06:03:07 11 A. I think my answer is consistent with the  
06:03:10 12 creation of pay bands, which for me, that includes mins  
06:03:15 13 and maxes, as well as probably some sense of either a  
06:03:19 14 median or a mean, whichever approach you're using.  
06:03:22 15 People use different ways of doing it.

06:03:43 16 MR. HARVEY: I think that's the end of my  
06:03:48 17 questions on the current documentary record.

06:03:50 18 Unless you have any questions?

06:03:52 19 MR. RUBIN: We don't have any questions.

06:03:53 20 So as I said in my letter to you on I think the  
06:03:57 21 25th, either when your questions end or when seven hours  
06:04:01 22 end, the deposition's closed, we know that there's a  
06:04:03 23 pending motion to compel. And as we said, although the  
06:04:07 24 deposition is closed, if you are successful in that  
06:04:09 25 motion and you come to us with particular documents that

06:04:11 1 you think it's imperative for you to be able to ask  
06:04:17 2 Ms. Brown additional questions, we'll take that under  
06:04:19 3 advisement. But we reserve the right to take the  
06:04:23 4 position that the deposition continues to be closed.

06:04:24 5 MR. HARVEY: Well, I disagree that the  
06:04:26 6 deposition is closed. From plaintiffs' perspective, the  
06:04:29 7 deposition will remain open pending the result of our  
06:04:31 8 motion to compel.

06:04:32 9 I understand you're reserving all your  
06:04:34 10 objections, but I want to make that clear for the  
06:04:34 11 record.

06:04:35 12 MR. RUBIN: Right. And we just are invoking  
06:04:37 13 the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure that says seven  
06:04:39 14 hours. You're ending, I think, at 6.54, so....

06:04:41 15 You do have six more minutes, but, otherwise,  
06:04:43 16 the deposition is closed if you have no more questions.

06:04:47 17 MR. HARVEY: Again, I'll just reiterate that  
06:04:51 18 our position is that the deposition is not closed. I  
06:04:53 19 disagree with your characterization that a fixed seven  
06:04:58 20 hours would be the extent of what we would be entitled  
06:05:02 21 to on these facts and on these documents.

06:05:04 22 MR. RUBIN: Okay. Well, I think our letter  
06:05:06 23 exchanges speak to our respective positions, so....

06:05:09 24 With that, the deposition is closed from  
06:05:11 25 Google's perspective and thank you.

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